



Agriculture is important to New York State. The value of agricultural production was over \$5.26 billion in 2011. About 23% of the state's land area, or 7.00 million acres are used by the 36,000 farms to produce a very diverse array of food products. Here are some of the items in which New York ranks high nationally:

Livestock Products

Dairy and animal production in New York provided \$3.10 billion value of production to farmers in 2011.

Milk Production

Milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced all across the state. Milk sales account for one-half of total agricultural receipts. Production in 2011 was 12.8 billion pounds with a preliminary value of \$2.75 billion. New York is the nation's 4th leading producer and Wyoming is the State's leading county.

Meat Production

New York livestock producers marketed 269 million pounds of meat animals during 2011 bringing in \$274 million in cash receipts. Gross income from cattle and calves accounted for \$261 million while hogs and pigs returned \$21.4 million.

Poultry Production

The combined value of eggs and the value of sales for chickens was \$83.9 million for 2011. New York ranks 25th among all egg producing states in value of production.

Crop Production

Field crops, fruits and vegetables returned \$2.24 billion to New York farmers in 2011.

FRUITS

The value of New York's 2011 tree fruit and grape crops totaled \$351 million, up 9 percent from the 2010 value.

Apples

New York ranks 2nd nationally with production worth about \$251 million in 2011. Three general areas produce most of the apples: along the southern Lake Ontario shore, along the Hudson Valley, and along the upper Lake Champlain Valley. New York's leading varieties are McIntosh, Empire, Red Delicious and Golden Delicious.

Grapes

Wine and juice grape production place New York 3rd behind California and Washington. The crop value is estimated at \$67.9 million in 2011. Grapes utilized for juice accounted for 70 percent of the total grapes processed with the remaining 29 percent going for wine and 1 percent for fresh market. The four major producing areas are Lake Erie area, the Finger Lakes, the Hudson Valley and the eastern end of Long Island.

Tart Cherries

Production in New York ranks 5th in the Nation. Production in 2011 totaled 5.9 million pounds with a value of \$1.43 million.

Pears

Production ranked 4th in the nation with 12,100 tons and had a value of \$6.96 million.

Strawberries

Strawberries are the 3rd most valuable fruit in New York and places New York 8th in national production. Growers harvested 3.60 million pounds in 2011. The crop was worth \$8.46 million to growers.



VEGETABLES

The value of vegetable production totaled \$356 million in 2011. Fresh market vegetable production ranks 5th among all states. Leading crops in New York are cabbage, sweet corn and onions.

Cabbage

New York produced the second largest crop of cabbage in the Nation. Cabbage is principally grown south of Lake Ontario in Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Ontario, and Niagara counties. New York cabbage is typically stored for sale as fresh during winter months. Value of the fresh market crop in 2011 totaled \$86.6 million.

Sweet Corn

Produced statewide, sweet corn had a value of \$53.6 million. Concentrations are found in the Lower Hudson Valley and around the Genesee Valley. Production of fresh market sweet corn crop ranked 5th in the nation.

Onions

An important crop with value of sales of \$33.1 million in 2011. Onions are grown in New York's muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison and Wayne counties. The state ranked 6th in production for 2011.

Snap Beans

Grown in the Central and Western regions for fresh and processing. The 2011 fresh market and processing crop was valued at \$46.2 million. Fresh production accounted for 67 percent of the total value. New York ranks 4th in fresh market production.

Other Vegetables

Tomatoes: \$36.6 million, 6th nationally
 Pumpkins: \$23.6 million, 1st nationally
 Cucumbers: \$18.6 million, 3th nationally
 Squash: \$49.9 million, 2nd nationally
 Cauliflower: \$2.40million, 3rd nationally

FIELD CROPS

New York produces a variety of field crops largely in support of it's dairy industry. Corn, soybeans and wheat are most widely grown. New York ranks 3rd in corn silage production with a value of \$428 million. Grain corn ranked 19th in production and was worth \$540 million. Soybeans were valued at \$137 million. The state placed 12th in oat production, 32nd in wheat and 22nd for soybean production. Hay receipts put New York 23rd and was valued at \$313 million in 2011. Most hay is used on farms and its value is realized through sale of milk and livestock. Fall potatoes production reached a value of \$66.6 million in 2011 and made New York the 14th leading producer.

MAPLE SYRUP

At \$22.1 million, New York ranks 2nd behind Vermont in value. New York also ranks 2nd behind Vermont in 2012 production with 360,000 gallons.

FLORICULTURE CROPS

In 2011, New York floriculture products were valued at \$171 million. Bedding and garden plants top the list of commodities. The wholesale value of New York's floriculture output ranks 8th nationally at \$171 million. A variety of crops are produced in 25.3 million square feet of covered area and on 670 acres of open ground.

